MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No; they are under the Honorary Adviser, Public Health.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know wether there is any other agency in the Sanitary Department to furnish the data regarding births and deaths?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, the Sanitary Department has got this agency.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Does the member mean to say that there are two agencies to furnish data in the matter of births and deaths?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The agency under the Honorary Adviser, Public Health, is working only in the Vilavankod taluk while the other is working in the other taluks.

MR K .P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is there an agency in the Vilavankod taluk under the Sanitary Department to furnish data about births and deaths?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I cannot say positively. I claim notice.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know what the work of these functionaries is?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): So far as vital statistics are concerned, the Sanitary Assistants under the Epidemiologist attend to the registration of deaths from epidemics such as cholera and small-pox within their jurisdiction.

Establishment of a Land Mortgage Bank.

74. MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any, and, if so, what proposals have been received from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for the establishment of a Land Mortgage Bank as stated in the Financial Secretary's statement made in Karkatakam 1106, and, if not, what other steps the Government have taken in the matter; and

(*b*) how the Government propose to raise the necessary funds for starting the business of the bank?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The question of starting a Land Mortgage Bank is under the consideration of the Government and final orders on the subject will issue shortly.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the member please read my question and then give an answer?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The answer has been given after reading the question.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): My question is whether any proposals have been received from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for the establishment of a Land Mortgage Bank?

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MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : No definite proposals have been received.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : I ask whether *any proposal* and not *any definite propsal* has been received from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Yes, the Registrar has recommended that a Land Mortgage Bank should be established.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Was that recommendation made in the Report of the Banking Enquiry Committee or was it made after the Financial Secretary's statement in Karkatakam 1106 ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Government have received no report from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in regard to the establishment of a Land Mortgage Bank after the Financial Secretary's speech in 1106.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Did the Government address the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on the subject and call for a report as stated in the Financial Secretary's speech?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Did the Government get any reply?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : There were a number of difficult questions to be settled in connection with the starting of a Land Mortgage Bank. For that purpose a conference was called. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Financial Secretary to Government, the Chief Secretary to Government, the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil and the Census Commissioner met under the presidency of the Dewan. The main points were settled. The Registrar and the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil were asked to draw up a definite scheme on the lines of the points settled at the conference. They drew up the scheme which was again considered by Government and the result of the consideration will be issued in the form of a G. O. soon.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : How long will it take for the publication of the G. O. ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : It will appear in the next Tuesday's *Gazette*.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : Sir, before the House proceeds with the regular business of the day, I would request your permission to make a statement in regard to a matter of considerable public importance. In the provisional list of business to be transacted in this session of the Council, the first, second and the third readings of the Chitties Regulation Amendment Bill were also included.

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